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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Gigantic Task

SOMETHING of the tragic bewilderment and uncertainty facing France in Indo-China was seen when the Commissioner-General in Saigon, M. Dejean said on Friday: "If the Vietnamese want peace, it is up to Ho Chi-minh to formulate direct and official proposals if he wants them to be considered." For it becomes increasingly apparent as this dreary frustrating war stumbles into its 8th year that France has no proposals for the future of Indo-China and is waiting for Ho's terms before beginning negotiations for a cease-fire. Psychologically, this is bad for the French cause. The rebels hold about two-fifths of the country and their potentiality for further conquest has apparently not been seriously impaired by French counter-attacks. The French desire to end this fruitless struggle is understandable, but what of the future of Indo-China? It is rumoured France is considering splitting the country in two at the 16th parallel and abandoning the northern half—including the vital Red River Delta—to the Vietnamese. But that would be quite unacceptable to the Governments of Vietnam and Laos; it would be tantamount to conceding victory to the rebels and a complete negation of all the French Union has fought for in the last seven years.

THERE are fears that France will sanction the establishment of an all-Vietnam Government with control of which could easily fall into the hands of the Communists, as happened in Eastern Europe. The other alternative is to continue fighting and there are two schools of thought on the likely outcome. But one thing seems certain: while Communist prospects of ultimate victory are "non-existent", the prospects of a French victory are equally hopeless as long as fighting continues on its present basis. If there is in fact a stalemate in the military situation, France must prepare immediately for the gigantic task of beginning negotiations at Geneva in April. And all she can hope for is to retain as much of the country as possible after any cease-fire and work for reforms within the three states which will strengthen democratic government and weaken the control of the Communists.

BRITISH AID FOR EDC

New Forms Of Association With Project DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

London, Feb. 21.

Britain is expected to announce shortly full details of the practical aid she intends to give to the projected European Defence Community.

Diplomatic circles here forecast an early announcement of these British guarantees which have been under discussion for several months in the six-nation European Army Interim Committee in Paris.

It is felt that the failure of the Berlin conference of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers to make progress on Germany will speed the establishment of the Defence Community, which sets up a West German defence force within the European Army.

The British "practical aid" to be detailed soon will be additional to the British neutral aid guarantee signed with members of the Community in Paris in 1952 and to the plans being discussed for liaison and joint training between European Army troops and British forces.

Britain is likely, in announcing new forms of association with the EDC, to agree to the following two points:

1. To give an undertaking that she would not, summarily, withdraw troops from the continent. This could not, however, be embodied in a formal guarantee as the British Government could give France a virtual veto over the use of British troops.

2. To agree to British representation on the Ministerial body responsible for the European Army on occasions where British interests are affected.

It is also thought probable here that the United States will, at the same time, re-emphasize her interest in the strategic planning which underlies the European Army plan and implies the maintenance of American troops in Europe.

Britain has already made known in Paris her willingness for an extension of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation from 25 years to 50, to coincide with the life of the EDC treaty. But this largely depends on the attitude of the American Congress.

SOCIALISTS SPLIT

There is no indication here yet that Britain is contemplating any further offer to France beyond the practical aid proposals already under discussion.

And there is no backing here for the suggestion that this might be done to facilitate the course of the coming debate on the ratification of the EDC treaty in the French Parliament.

In Britain, the Labour Opposition is split over the question of West German participation in Western defence.

The Party is to meet privately on Tuesday to try to resolve its differences in the matter before a two-day debate in the House of Commons on the Berlin meeting to be opened by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary.

Sir Winston Churchill may give his view on the outcome of the Berlin meeting during this debate.

Labour's 292 members of Parliament are mainly divided on the big issue—whether a West German contribution to Western defence would help or endanger Western security.

But there are also many sectional points of view.

Some Labour members are unalterably opposed to West German participation, but others would agree if Britain joined the European Army.

Some want Britain—and not West Germany—in the European Army. But others seek the reverse. A few oppose a West German force in the European Army, but would be prepared to consider such a group in a re-organised form of NATO. The Party passed a resolution at its last annual conference opposing the rearmament until the great powers had made further attempts to unify Germany.

Reuter.

US ASSURANCES.

Washington, Feb. 21.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, is expected to offer the French what assurances he can of continued United States commitments in Europe on some well-chosen occasion before the French Parliament debates European Defence Community ratification.

In connection with this conjuncture, however, diplomatic quarters were also inclined to believe Mr. Dulles might again voice his concern over the confusion into which French rejection of EDC would throw his European policy—a confusion Mr. Dulles once said would demand an "agonising reappraisal" of that policy.

In their search for reassurances believed likely to strengthen French resolve in going ahead with EDC, Mr. Dulles and his advisers are known to be considering the following:

1. French promises to keep United States forces in Europe, perhaps coupled with suggestions that the bringing of EDC into being would mean United States Congressmen convinced of the wisdom of this policy.

2. The possibility of extending the life of NATO beyond its present term of 25 years.

3. Emphasis on the United States determination to "defend Europe" in the event of a Soviet attack.

Reuter.

Queen Opens Parliament



The Queen, wearing a fawn lace gown with diamond and pearl tiara, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, in white naval uniform, arrives for the opening of the New South Wales Parliament during their tour of Australia. (London Express)

Thousands Involved In Soviet High Level Purges

London, Feb. 21.

The wave of Soviet high level purges in the outlying republics has caught up with the Party rank and file, according to a broadcast from Tiflis (Tbilisi) Radio monitored in London today.

More than 3,000 members of the Communist Party of Soviet Georgia—home state of Lavrenti P. Beria, the executed former Soviet secret police chief—were expelled during the past 17 months, the broadcast from the Georgian capital said.

The figure was quoted at a Congress of the Georgian Communist Party held in Tiflis last week.

The man who reported on the dismissals (actual number 3,011 between September 1952 and February 1 this year) is a Party leader who has emerged at the top from a series of purges which have rocked the Soviet Republic ever since Beria was arrested by Red Army men in June last year.

Time and again the Party and State leadership have been reorganised. "Now," "Comrade" Mchavandze (the radio quoted no initials or first name) has emerged as First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Georgian Party—that is, Party boss for the Republic.

Mchavandze reported to the Party Congress "great harm" had been done in Georgia itself by Beria and his "criminal gang" and said "these enemies and traitors got their just deserts".

Nevertheless, the new Georgian Party chief did not directly link the dismissals of Party members with the Beria case, according to the Tiflis Radio broadcast, but did he disclose what percentage were expelled after Beria's arrest.

EMBELLISHMENT

Mchavandze said the "over-whelming" majority of Party members were dismissed for embellishment and the misappropriation of state collective farm and co-operative funds.

He drew the conclusion that there had been a low level of ideological training and low moral standards among Party members (which had) "used their hands" in the "criminal" activities of the "criminal gang" and said "these enemies and traitors got their just deserts".

Reuter.

French Plead For More Help In Indo-China

Dalat, Indo-China, Feb. 21.

France asked the United States foreign aid administrator, Mr. Harold Stassen, today for more help in the Indo-Chinese war in case the Geneva peace conference fails to prevent a fight to the finish, informed sources said.

These sources said the French Defence Minister, M. Rene Pleven, presented the request to Mr. Stassen at a "Little Big Three" conference at Emperor Bao Dai's Imperial Palace, where Western leaders met to map the future of the eight-year-old war.

M. Pleven met Mr. Stassen in a closed session on the fringe of high-level consultations conducted here to co-ordinate the West's policies for the April Indo-China and Korea peace parley in Geneva.

Whether the French had submitted a specific plan for a greater amount of money or war material was not immediately reported. But French officials were openly dismayed by Mr. Stassen's statement, upon his landing in Indo-China three days ago, that the current US shipments are "sufficient" for victory.

Shortly after Mr. Stassen's declaration, indicating that the US apparently was not prepared to spend more dollars above the present tally fixed by Congress, M. Pleven warned pointedly while touring the front several hundred miles in the North that "France alone cannot bear the crushing burden."

BILATERAL VIEWS

For a few hours today the Vietnamese Emperor's Palace was headquarters for a "little Big Three" conference, but most of the talks were bilateral view exchanges.

The British High Commissioner for Southeast Asia, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, landed here from Singapore early today. Mr. Stassen arrived last night for talks with Bao Dai.

Today the US Foreign Operations Administrator conferred with M. Pleven, French State Secretary for War Pierre de Chevigne, the High Commissioner in Indo-China, Maurice Dejean, and the Chief of Staff, General Paul Ely.

Mr. Stassen was assisted by the United States Ambassador to Indo-China, Mr. Donald Heath.

After the talks—which French officials said reviewed the whole war scene—Mr. Stassen returned to Saigon, 80 miles southwest of here, and flew immediately to Manila. He will head a conference of chiefs of US aid missions to the Far Eastern countries there before

reporting on his talks with the French to President Eisenhower.

After consulting M. Pleven and his chief aides and Bao Dai, the British High Commissioner will tour the main battlefields and hold conferences with front commanders and local native governments.

SAIGON STATEMENT

M. Pleven, who flew to Indo-China to supervise operations stemming the Communist advance in North Laos, is expected to return to Paris in the middle of this week.

Mr. Stassen said in Saigon that he considered US military aid to Indo-China now was sufficient for the commander-in-chief, General Henri Navarre, to carry out his victory plan. But economic aid, he said, should be boosted—particularly to take care of refugees and rebuild the hundreds of villages destroyed in eight years of scorched-earth bloodletting.

The fighting itself had slackened off, recalling French during the Pannumjorn truce negotiations. It appeared that the fighting was like the leaders in Paris and Washington were keeping their "eyes on the ground" and April 20—United Press.

FIGHT FOLLOWS MEETING

Rome, Feb. 21.

Four persons were slightly injured today during a fight between Communists and Neo-Fascists following a political meeting organized in a Rome suburb by the Neo-Fascist "Italian Social Movement." Several persons were reported to have been arrested.—France-Press.

Charges Denied

Washington, Feb. 21.

The Navy today denied British charges that U.S. Navy ships shadowed British merchantmen suspected of trading with Communist countries. "It just is not true," a Navy spokesman said of the British charges. "The Navy denies it."—United Press.

1st Round To Seelba

Rome, Feb. 21.

Premier designate Mario Scelba, who won the first round of his battle with Italy's Communists and fellow-travelers, appeared certain today to carry Round Two.

Signor Scelba defeated the first threat to his new government by firmly putting down Communist-led strike demonstrations. Political observers predicted that he would prevail again when he goes before the Senate to seek a confidence vote.

The political atmosphere was ominously quiet after a week in which the Sicilian-born Christian Democrat's firm handling of politically dangerous Communist strikes emphasized his determination to restore stability to Italy.

The Communist strike menace appeared to be over, at least for the time being. The unions are now studying Signor Scelba's announced programme for social reform.

In Parliament, the Senate is believed to be ready to give his Centre coalition government a vote of confidence by about 10 votes. With 10 speakers still to be heard, Senate discussion of the Scelba programme resumed on Friday.

The government vote is not expected before Saturday.

Reuter.

Attempt To Beat Fasting Record

Antwerp, Feb. 21.

Fakir Hero, the world's fasting record holder, is now trying to beat his own record of 40 days, 4 hours and 40 minutes without food.

The fakir, who is locked up in a glass cage, intends to subsist on mineral water and cigarettes. He will undergo medical examination every fortnight.

This is Hero's fourteenth spectacular fast. He started in 1926 when he remained without eating during 49 days and 15 hours.—France-Press.

WOMAN STRANGLED

Husband's Alleged Confession

Hollywood, Calif., Feb. 21.

The 35-year-old son of a wealthy Pittsburgh family has confessed that he strangled his 45-year-old wife "because she had been cheating on me," the police reported last night.

Officers said Francis Albert Rybar, 35, of California Highway patrol, on the Sunset strip after leaving a night club early today, was asked them to "shake hands with a murderer."

"I kissed her tenderly, then I strangled her with my bare hands," Rybar was quoted as saying. "I finished the job with a bathroom towel."

The semi-clad body of attractive Mrs. Rybar had been found two hours earlier in an El Sereno motel room. The police's official investigation as the cause of death. "I had pleaded guilty to the crime long to mend her ways," he said. "I could get together and lead a happy normal life. I just couldn't stand it any more," Rybar told the police.

Detective T. Buckley said Rybar, held on suspicion of murder, inherited \$50,000 from his mother in 1951 and moved here a year ago from the East.—United Press.

Smugglers' Gun Fight With Police

Calcutta, Feb. 21.

Two women were killed and ten others wounded in a gun battle between police and two opium smugglers in Calcutta's main railway station today. The smugglers were armed with a revolver and a Sten gun and are alleged to have fired indiscriminately in their efforts to escape.—United Press.

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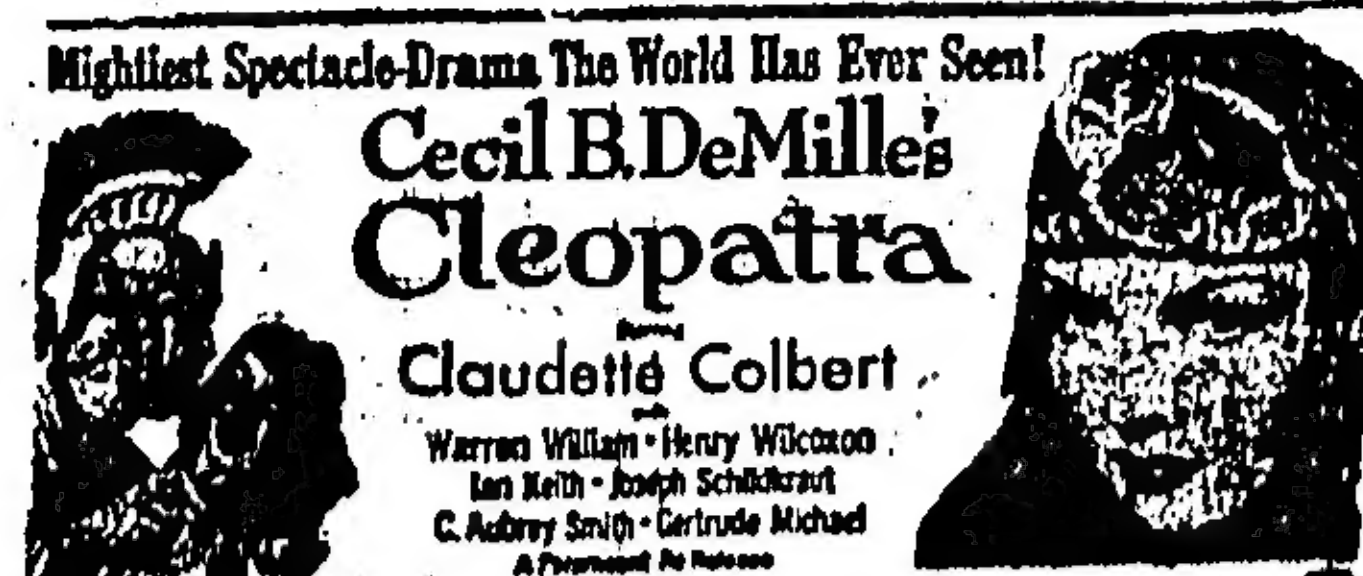
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Duke Of Kent At Sandhurst



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US Senator Urges:

"No Softening On Red China Policy"

Washington, Feb. 21.

The Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Styles Bridges, said today the inclusion of Communist China in the Geneva conference must not foreshadow a "softening" that could lead to diplomatic recognition of the Red regime.

The New Hampshire Republican issued the warning as Secretary of State John Foster Dulles prepared for a series of meetings with Congressional leaders and a radio-TV report to the nation. Mr. Dulles will discuss the recent Big Four meeting in Berlin which set up the Far Eastern peace talks in Geneva.

His statement followed similar expressions of concern by some other Congressmen. South Korea and Nationalist China that Red China's presence at the talks might be the "opening wedge" to eventual recognition.

Mr. Dulles has said, however, that the Communists made all the concessions and the meeting will be "100 per cent on this country's terms". He emphasized the agreement provided especially that recognition would not be an issue at the talks.

Senator Bridges, departing for a European survey trip, said: "I don't want the inclusion of the Chinese Communists (at Geneva) in any way to indicate a softening of our position to-

ward them or to indicate that this country has changed its mind about recognition of Communist China or its admission to the United Nations.

STRONGLY OPPOSED

"I am strongly opposed to both, and I believe the great majority in Congress and of the American people are, too." The agreement to meet in Geneva on April 28 was reached on the final day of the Berlin Big Four talks. Korean unification and peace in Indo-China are scheduled for discussion.

Meanwhile, leaders of both Republican and Democratic parties have been invited to the State Department for the first of Mr. Dulles' briefing on plans for Geneva and the results of Berlin. State Department spokesmen said the briefings are in line with Administration efforts to further a bipartisan foreign policy by keeping Democratic Congressional leaders abreast of developments.—United Press.

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Police Action Ordered

Tokyo, Feb. 21.

Japanese police are under strict orders to intensify efforts to check Japan's "slave trade". Sales of children have increased sharply following the worst rice crop in 60 years.

The business of buying and selling human lives booms whenever poverty and hunger are rife. Busy brokers move from hotel to hotel in the poorer country districts haggling over the price of a pretty young girl or a small boy as if they were buying a sack of rice.

Last year, reported cases of slave trading exceeded 10,000. But police say that the actual number of cases was many times that. "Only a fraction of an iceberg is visible above the water," was how one official put it. "The same is true of the slave trade."

Like the iceberg, the average Japanese farmer usually just manages to keep his head above water, since he gets only a small financial return for a big labor outlay. A minor natural disaster in Japan is often a major family disaster.

In the still semi-feudal atmosphere of rural Japan, the children themselves often consider it worthy and noble to sacrifice their freedom for their families.

One of the factors hampering police investigation is the reluctance of victims to make their plight known.

Usually, their life of bondage is miserable, but it is no more miserable than the life they knew at home. As slaves, they may not be fed well. But they are at least fed.

ECONOMIC SOLUTION

In many cases, slavery has been an economic solution not only for the victim but also for the victim's family. "Rescue" only means a return to bad conditions.

According to police statistics, girls constitute about 90 per cent of human traffic in Japan. Seventy-five per cent bring the best price. They are usually sold into prostitution.

The price of a young Japanese on the slave market ranges from 3,000 Yen to 50,000 Yen (\$3 to \$50 sterling) depending upon the "profession" into which the victim is being sold.

But out of this sum comes the broker's commission, and the farmer who sells his child is lucky to get enough food for a month out of the transaction. To dodge the law, a broker will often post a "help wanted" notice at the entrance of a buyer's house and force the victim to walk in as if applying for the job.

WELL ORGANISED

Police have found it difficult to break the bigger networks of brokers and buyers who are extremely well organized. But they are trying to get a lead on their activities by checking on the disappearance of children from schools and farms in country areas.

Police also claim that they are unable to make any real headway because there is no law directly applicable to this practice of buying and selling human lives. They can only take action against the brokers and buyers for violating the provisions of the employment and labor laws or the juvenile protection laws.

Welfare officials say that the problem is more economic than legal.

"The solution does not lie in the introduction of any new laws," one official explained. "It is mixed up with the whole economic problem of this country's economy and its large and rapidly increasing population."

China Mail Special

18 Villages Flooded

Tehran, Feb. 21. Eighteen villages were flooded at least the Azharan border by the river, Hermand which burst its banks following torrential rains and the first melting of the snows, the evening newspaper "Khatam" reported tonight. The paper said the situation was critical. France Press.

An Expert Says:

London's Shop Fronts Are Monstrous & Repellent

The exterior of shops in Britain's major cities and towns had become "so monstrous and so repellent," that it was turning us into a nation of inefficient shopkeepers, said Prof. A. E. Richardson recently.

He is a member of the Royal Fine Art Commission and Professor of Architecture at the Royal Academy School. The criticisms were made in an address to the Royal Society of Arts, London, on shops and shopkeeping throughout the ages.

The interiors of many stores, he thought, were magnificent. But he deplored "all the rubbish cluttering up their outside." Distorted lettering, ill-proportioned vitreous facades, chromium plate, huge sheets of plate glass, all proclaimed false ideals. Whitechapel now extended as far as Marble Arch along Oxford Street, with its strange architecture and chaotic effect.

There was diminishing trade in Regent Street, where "magnificent buildings standing on slender pillars support an impression of gloom." It had become provincial. Bond Street maintained its position only by appealing to the American market.

The elegance of the "Ritz Hotel" was pleasing. He would like to see more colonnaded streets with shops hidden beneath.

Of provincial cities, he said the quiet dignity of Edinburgh's Princes Street "had been disturbed by huge blocks." Grey Street, Newcastle, had "lost its former dignity."

Saturnial Street, Glasgow, was "non-descript." Liverpool's main street looked "hazy" and Manchester's had "fallen from proud estate."

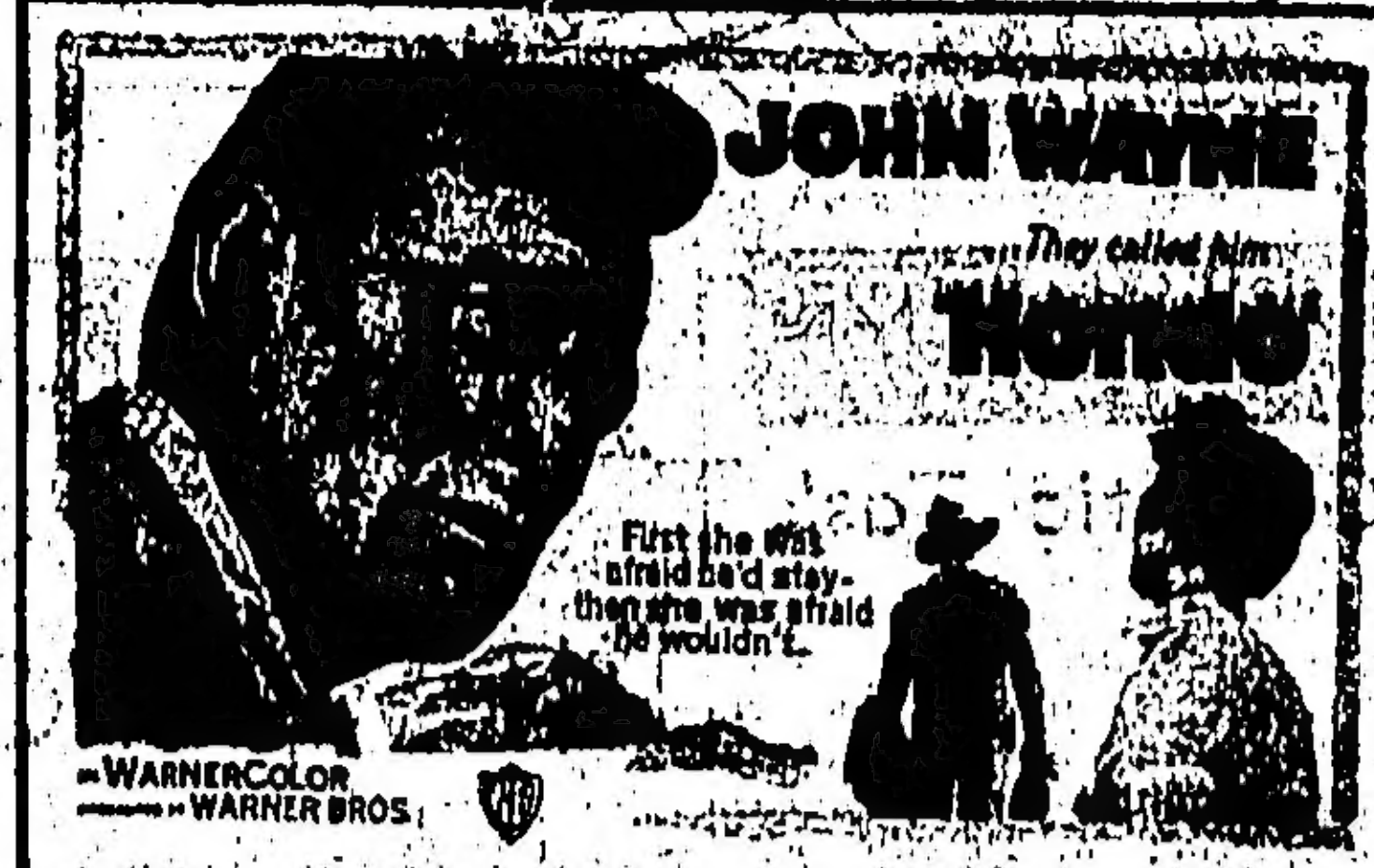
The list of untidy shopping streets could be extended to New Street, Birmingham, to Bristol, Gloucester, and "many others." What is the advantage of showing a whole window crammed full of underclothes, all the same where one would do? It was part of the general untidiness.

As lantern slides illustrated some of the worst shops preserved from the past, Prof. Richardson was prompted to denounce the "slipshod, the blinding, the business and general untidiness" which he emphasized with a slide of Sloane Square.

"I want reform," he emphasized, "and I am applying it." Answering a questioner, he said Princes had the best modern shops.

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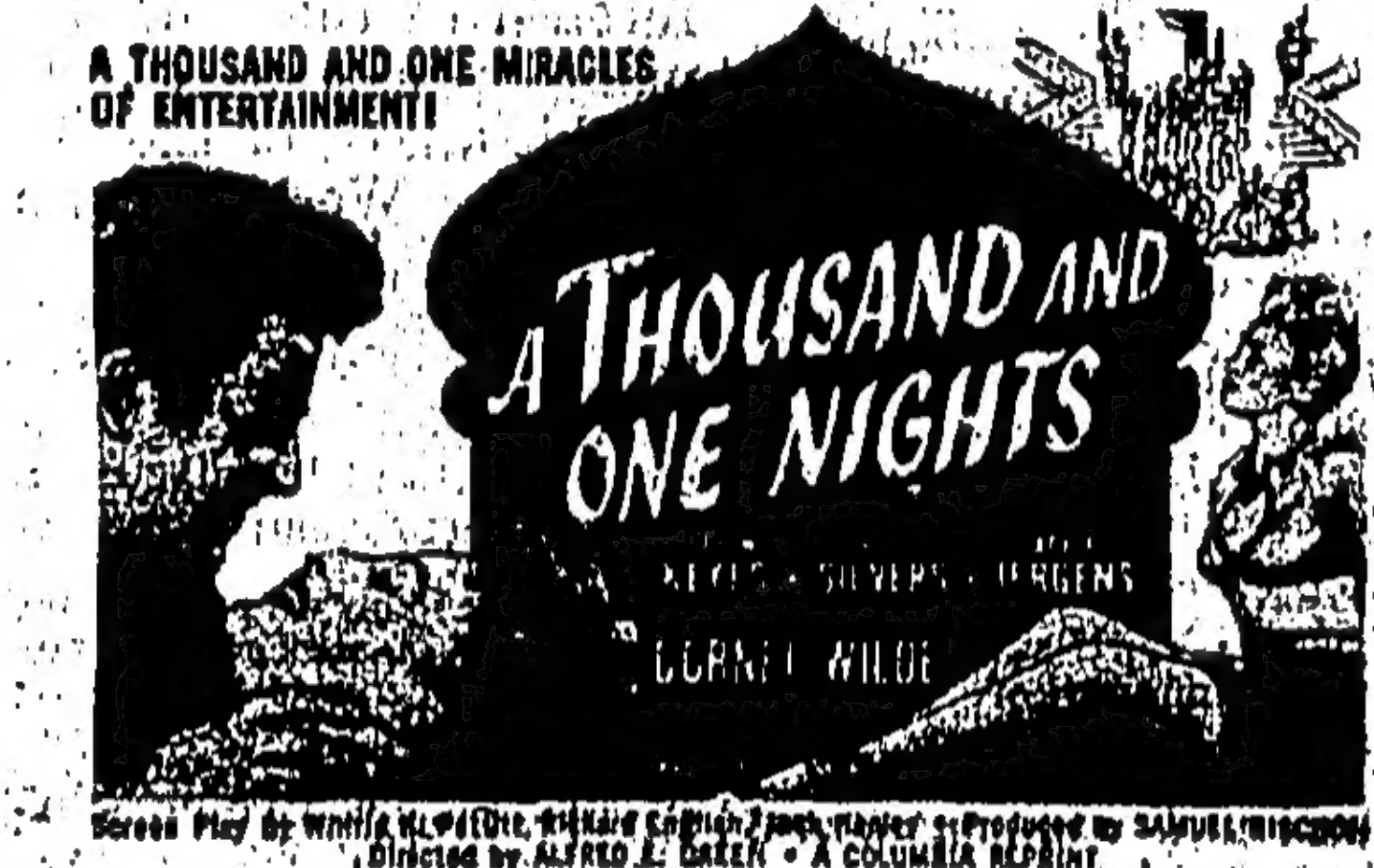
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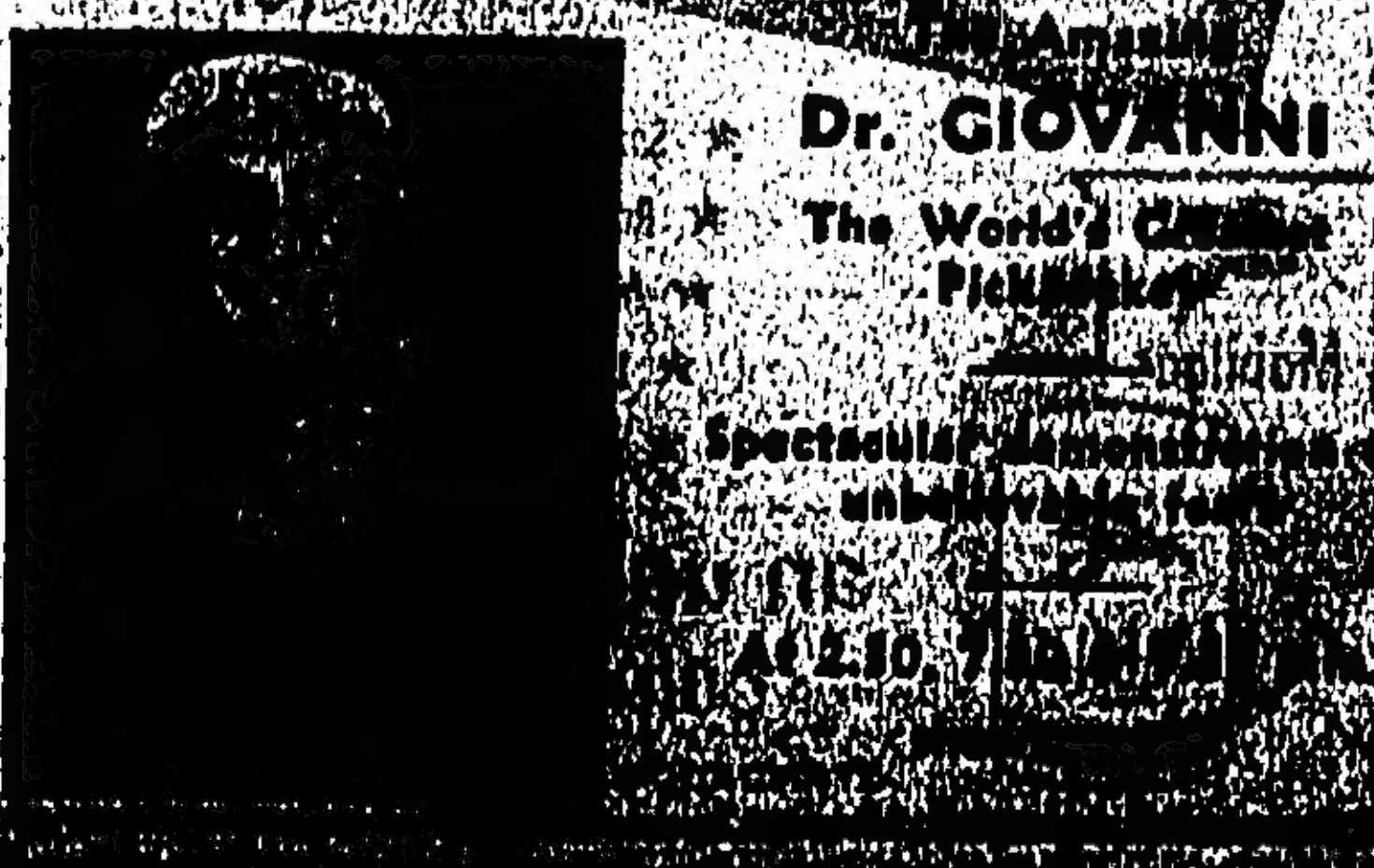
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GIBRALTAR FOR SPANISH NEUTRALITY?

Newspaper Says Churchill Made This Offer During Last War

Madrid, Feb. 21. The Falange newspaper, Arriba, today published an article alleging that during the war Sir Winston Churchill had offered the return of Gibraltar in return for Spanish neutrality, Reuter reports.

The article was signed "Macaulay" which is believed to be the pen name used by a prominent figure of the regime.

Despite denials by Buckingham Palace officials, there are persistent reports in Madrid that the Queen's visit will be cancelled.

The Arriba article said: "The British forget that when during the last war Britain faced the most difficult moment in her history, it was Spain's neutrality which held out hope for her."

"It was then Mr. Churchill told the Spanish Ambassador, the Duke of Alba, that if Spain remained neutral and did not attack Britain, at the end of the war she would arrange the return of Gibraltar to Spain, and would help her achieve her traditional desire for expansion in North Africa at the expense of the French."

(Sir Winston Churchill in the second volume of his war memoirs reproduced a note which he sent on June 26, 1940, to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in which he said: "I am sure we shall gain nothing by offering to 'discuss' Gibraltar at the end of the war. Spain will know that, if we win, discussions would not be fruitful; and if we lose, they would not be necessary. I do not believe more verbiage of this kind will affect the Spanish decision.")

Earlier in the same volume, Sir Winston wrote that Spain, like everyone else, was staggered by the sudden downfall of France and the expected downfall of Britain. "France, therefore, indicated in June that he was prepared to join the victors and share in the distribution of the spoils."

On August 8 the German Ambassador in Madrid informed Berlin that the Capitulo still held the same view, but that he had certain requests to make. First, the assurance that Gibraltar, French Morocco and part of Algeria, including Oran, should be given to Spain... finally, Franco felt that the intervention of Spain should not take place until after the German landing in England. — Reuter.

PERSISTENT REPORTS

Madrid, Feb. 21.

Spanish papers revived their discussion of the Gibraltar issue today against a background of continuing reports that Queen Elizabeth would cancel her proposed visit there at the last moment.

The reports arose from an off the record remark to Spanish reporters ten days ago by a well-known personality.

He stated: "We have the impression here that at the last moment the Queen's visit may be cancelled. But this is strictly off the record."

Despite his embargo, the remark leaked out and was apparently published abroad. ABC, the Monarchist paper, said today that Spain would be pleased if the Queen's trip was cancelled "thanks to the well-known discretion of Sir Winston Churchill." — Reuter.

South Africa Stops "Gretna Green" Marriages

Pretoria, South Africa, Feb. 21.

The South African and the Mozambique Governments have agreed to stop "Gretna Green" marriages between couples who cross the border when the law of their own land interferes.

It is at present easier for Portuguese couples to get married in South Africa than it is in their own country. In Mozambique birth certificates must be produced but in the Union a declaration of the age of the wedding couple is enough.

Many underage Portuguese couples thus drop to the Union.

Variations in the marriage laws also enable South Africans to get married legally in a foreign country when a wedding would be prohibited in the Union.

It is understood that the method to be adopted to prevent irregular marriages will be to require intending couples to report to their consular representatives, who must see that the law of their countries is obeyed. — China Mail Special.

Newly-Wed Says

"I'm Still Faithful To Bertha"

Singapore, Feb. 21.

The Singapore Malay school-teacher Manoor Adabi, the annulment of whose marriage to the Dutch "jungle girl" Bertha Hertzog led to serious rioting here in 1950, was married today to a 17-year-old Malay girl in a ceremony which he described as his bride.

Adabi told the press after his marriage to Kallan Binti Jamari, a demure Malay bride, he was still faithful to Bertha, whom the court here ordered to be returned to her Dutch mother.

Many Europeans were killed in the four-day Muslim rioting which followed the court decision.

Today's marriage was the culmination of a teacher-pupil romance which began in the Anglo-Malay Evening School.

Young Bertha, who is now in Holland with her parents, spent the period of the Japanese occupation with a Malay family and went through a form of marriage with Adabi. Her mother went to Singapore to claim her back. — France-Press.

Soviet Schools Are Cold

Moscow, Feb. 21. The Soviet Teachers' Gazette reported today, children were their teachers in some schools because of lack of heating. Others were staying away from school.

"Can one speak seriously about the quality of studies if children are compelled to study in icy and cold?" the paper asked. "It is necessary to adopt vigorous measures to rectify the situation, so that every school with heat."

"This is a pressing task of the public education department and the State," the paper said. The teachers' union called on parents to help the State.

"King & Queen" By Henry Moore



For his first exhibition of sculpture in London in three years, Henry Moore, whose provocative work is known throughout the world, has sent a life size pair of figures in bronze and called them "King and Queen". Head designs are in contrast to the beautifully modelled feet. Price is £3,000.—Express Photo.

Narriman To Be Charged With Smuggling

Cairo, Feb. 22.

An investigation of a smuggling charge against ex-Queen Narriman will begin here on Wednesday, the Government's Legal Department disclosed last night.

A spokesman for the Department said that Narriman had been accused of having smuggled from Egypt 17,000 Egyptian pounds (about £17,425 sterling) in 1950 when she left for Italy to buy her trousseau before her wedding to the then King Farouk.

Nineteen-year-old Narriman, now given the courtesy title of "Princess," spent seven months in Rome in 1950, being groomed for her role as Queen.

She married Farouk in May 1951, but spent only 14 months in the Egyptian court before her husband was forced to abdicate.

After eight months of exile she left Farouk to return to Cairo in March of last year.

Early this month she obtained a divorce from Farouk. She is claiming alimony of 5,000 Egyptian pounds a month (about £5,125 sterling) with the right of access to their son, Ahmed Fuad II.—Reuter.

WRAF Director Visiting The Far East

London, Feb. 22.

The Director of the Women's Royal Air Force, Air Commandant N.M. Salmon, will visit the Far East from February 27 until March 14, the Air Ministry announced today.

Air Commandant Salmon will tour all units of the Far East Air Force at which members of the Women's Royal Air Force are serving.

They will include the headquarters of the Far East Air Force, Air Headquarters Singapore, Air Headquarters Malaya, and Royal Air Force stations at Changi, Seletar and Butterworth.—Reuter.

Niagara Falls Will Be Diverted

The governments of the

United States and Canada are to "turn on" Niagara Falls for the biggest plastic surgery job in history, according to reports from New York.

The job entails giving the beautiful though crumbling face of the falls a "lift" before water erosion wears it away further.

The whole operation, starting next summer, will take four years and cost £20,000,000.

First the roaring waters of the Niagara River will be diverted to lay bare the lip of the Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side. Then two sections of the lip must be filled like giant teeth to keep them from crumbling.

OVER 100FT. DROP Workmen will hang at the very brink of the 100ft drop to begin part of the lip surgery.

When they are finished, engineers hope they will have halted the erosion, which has eaten back some sections by 900ft. in the last 250 years.

Engineers say that unless they act now the American side of the falls would be boned dry in 2,000 years. They believe that if the erosion is unchecked, the falls eventually would become more rapids.

SPREADING THE WATER Private contractors will do the work, financed jointly by the two Governments.

Basically the project calls for building a 1,500ft. control structure above Goat Island on the Canadian side to spread the flow of water more evenly over the Horseshoe Falls. This will cost about \$4,000,000.

Another \$100 million will be spent to build the river bottom above the falls and fix other up sections.

Part of the "surgery" will go on in view of the 8,000,000 tourists (many of them honeymooners) who visit the Falls every year, says the Canadian Government.

McCarthy Says US Army Is "Coddling And Promoting Reds"

New York, Feb. 21.

Senator Joseph McCarthy, Chairman of the Senate Investigations Sub-committee, today accused the army of an "attempt to coddle and promote Communists" and of claiming "special immunity from legislative investigations and exposure of the misfactors."

He made the accusation in a statement saying Army Secretary, Mr. Robert Stevens, due to testify publicly before him in Washington on Tuesday, would be asked to explain the Army's "shielding and coddling" of "amendment Communists"—witnesses who refused to answer questions under the provision against self incrimination in the fifth amendment of the Constitution.

Fuel Costs Halved In This New Car

Britain's first big economy car is on its way—a diesel-engined version of a 6-seat saloon that can go 45 miles on a 4s. 1d. gallon of gas oil, according to reports from London.

It is a new Standard Vanguard and it will be in motor showrooms by April. Fuel consumption is about half that of the normal Vanguard.

The makers claim that its engine will save a 20,000-mile-a-year motorist £125 in fuel costs—that is compared with running a similar-sized petrol-engined car with petrol 4s. 2½d. to 4s. 5½d. a gallon.

Outwardly, the new Vanguard is exactly the same as the latest petrol-engined model. But beneath the roomy body is a redesigned chassis.

IT'S HEAVIER This is to take the heavier engine—539lb., compared with its 442lb. petrol counterpart.

The whole car weighs about 2cwt. more than the petrol version, and at £1,042 (including £397 tax) is £225 dearer.

The 2.1 litre four-cylinder diesel runs smoothly, but is slightly noisier than the petrol engine. And there is a drawback: top speed is 55-60 miles an hour—about 10 miles an hour slower.

Standards have been turning out the diesel for two and a half years. More than 30,000 have been built—all for tractors and taxis. Modifications have been made to the private-car engine.

MORE MILES

An official of the firm said: "On a test to Madrid and back the car did 42 miles to the gallon all the way."

"London cab drivers get 32 miles per gallon for all-town work, against the normal 17 miles per gallon on a petrol engine."

The petrol-engined Vanguard will continue in production; output of the new car will depend on demand.

FOOTNOTE—The new Vanguard is the first shot in a manufacturer's sales battle—an engine that can almost double a car's mileage to a gallon of cheaper fuel is an obvious attraction, and I have seen several hush-hush models in other factories.

"Mass Destruction Weapons Must Be Banned"

London, Feb. 21.

The Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, said today: "At the earliest practical moment, renewed attempts should be made to forbid the use of weapons of mass destruction."

In a broadcast speech on the "Misuse of Science," the Archbishop said: "Until such an agreement is reached, the world is threatened with destruction."

The agreement, he said, would have to provide for "effective inspection and drastic sanctions for any breach."

He added: "tested by Christian standards, all methods of mass destruction whether by bombs, by nuclear weapons, by gas or by bacteriological warfare, are condemned." — France-Press.

Home From Behind The Iron Curtain

Rome, Feb. 21.

Two trainloads of 1,500 ragged, undernourished Greeks returning home from five years' captivity behind the Iron Curtain, arrived in Venice today.

They were taken as hostages by the Communists during the guerrilla campaign in Greece. Shortly after their arrival here, half of them left for Greece aboard the ship "Spartan."

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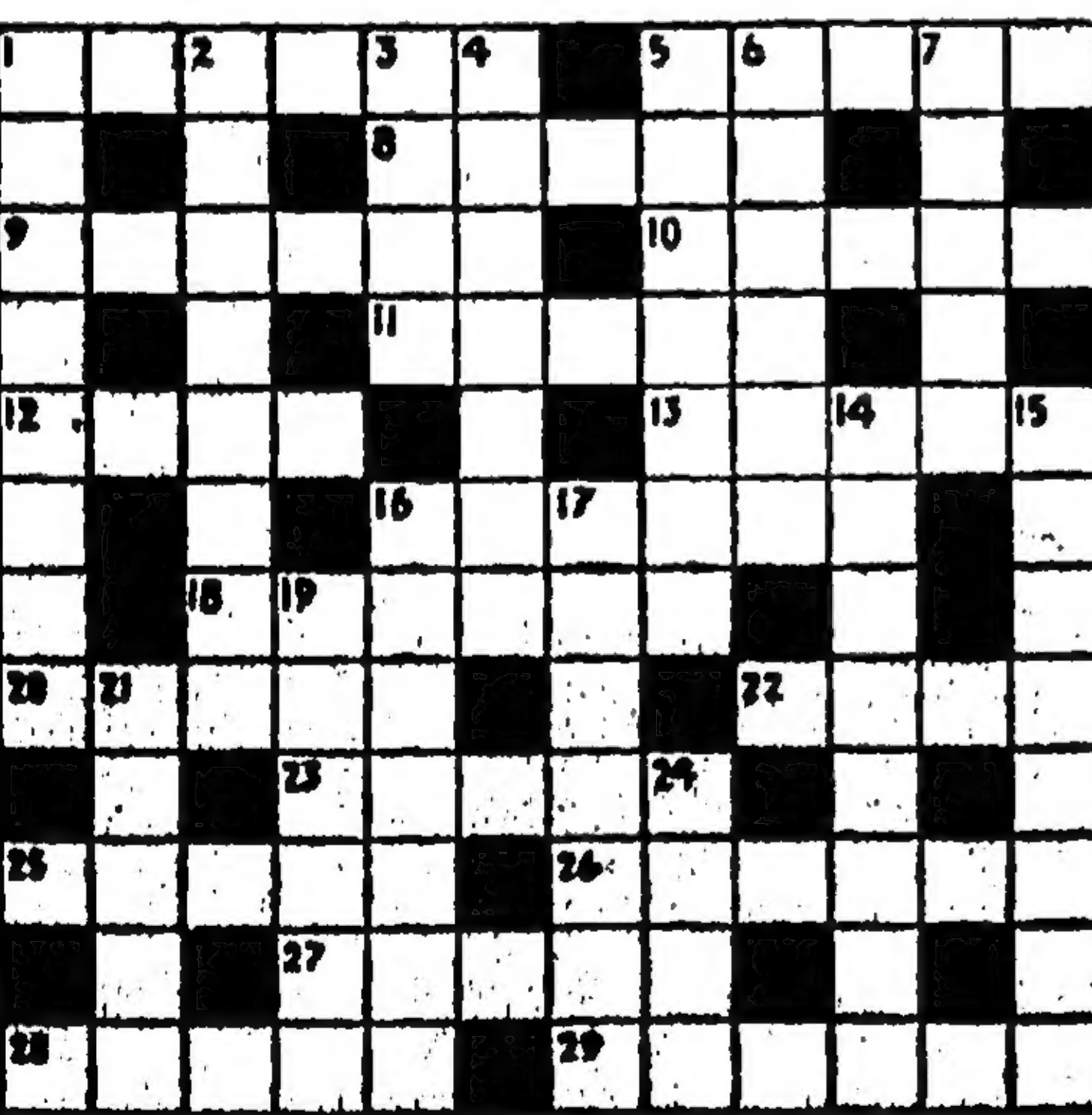
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 - Bring to light (6).
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CONTINUING THE ADVENTURE OF THE BLACK BARONET

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

Gillings, the butler, found Colonel Jocelyn Daley stabbed to death in the banquet hall at Lavington Court. The host, Sir Reginald Lavington, was suspected of having a motive for murder because of jealousy over his wife. Now Dr Watson tells how Sherlock Holmes investigates.

PART TWO

My friend had dropped to his knees, and by the light of a candle was peering closely at the horrible splashes of blood and wine which dabbled the oaken floor.

"Perhaps you would have the goodness, Watson, to pull that bell-rope," he said, as he scrambled to his feet.

LADY LAVINGTON'S EYES DILATED— THEN SHE RUSHED FROM THE ROOM

"A word with the butler, who discovered the body, would not come amiss before we seek accommodation at the village inn. Let us adjourn to the hall."

I think that each of us was glad to leave that black, vaulted room with its terrible occupant, and to find ourselves once more before the log fire blazing on the hearth. Lady Lavington, pale but beautiful in a gown of bronze velvet with a collar of Brussels lace, rose from a chair.

For a moment her eyes seemed to search each one of us with a mute, intense questioning, and then she had swept to her husband's side.

"In God's name, Margaret, what have you been saying?" he demanded, the veins swelling in his thick neck. "You'll have me at the rope's end yet!"

"Whatever the sacrifice, I swear you shall not suffer! Surely it is better than—!" She whispered a few agitated words in his ears.

"Never! Never!" retorted her husband fiercely. "What? You here, Gillings? Have you too been condemning your master?"

None of us had heard the butler's approach, but now he stepped into the circle of fire-light, with a troubled

expression on his honest face.

"Heaven forbid, Sir Reginald!" Gillings replied warmly. "I told Sergeant Bassett only what I saw and heard. Colonel Daley called for a bottle of port. He was in the banquet hall. He—he said he wished to drink a toast with you from the Luck of Lavington, to the victory of his horse in the Leopardstown Races next week. Since there was port in the decanter on the buffet, I poured it into the great cup. I remember how the Colonel laughed as he dismissed me."

"He laughed, you say?" said Sherlock Holmes quickly. "When did you actually see Sir Reginald with the Colonel?"

"I did not actually see him, sir. But the Colonel said—"

"And laughed when he said it," interposed Holmes. "Perhaps Lady Lavington would tell us whether Colonel Daley was a frequent guest under this roof?"

It seemed to me that some swift emotion glowed for an instant in those wonderful green eyes.

"For some years past, a frequent guest," she said. "But my husband was not even in the house this morning! Has he not told you so already?"

"Excuse me, my lady," doggedly interrupted Sergeant Bassett. "Sir Reginald says he was at the river but he admits he can't prove it."

"Quite so," said Holmes. "Well, Watson, there is nothing more to be done here tonight."

WE found our comfortable accommodation at the Three Owls in the village of Lavington. Holmes was merely and unoccupied. When I attempted to question him, he cut me short with the statement that he had nothing further to add until he had visited Maldstone on the morrow.

I must confess that I could not understand my friend's

attitude. It was evident that Sir Reginald Lavington was a dangerous man, and that our visit appeared to have made him more so. I pointed out to Holmes that his duty lay at Lavington Court rather than in the county town of Maldstone. He replied merely with the incongruous observation that the Lavingtons were a historic family.

I passed a restless morning. The wild weather kept me indoors over a week-old newspaper, and it was not until four o'clock in the afternoon that Holmes burst into our private sitting-room. His cape was dripping and rain-soaked, but his eyes glittered and his cheeks were flushed with some intense excitement.

"Good heavens!" I said. "You look as though you have found the answer to our problem."

BEFORE my friend could reply, there came a knock and the door of our sitting-room had swung open. Holmes rose from the chair in which he had just relaxed.

"Ah, Lady Lavington," said he, "we are honoured by your visit."

Though her features were heavily veiled, there was no mistaking that tall, graceful figure now hesitating on our threshold.

"I received your note, Mr Holmes," she replied in a low voice, "and I came at once." Sinking into the chair which I had wheeled forward, she raised her veil and let her head rest back among the cushions. "I came at once," she repeated wearily.

The freight threw her face into strong relief, and as I studied her features, still beautiful despite the almost waxen pallor and restless brilliance of her eyes, I discerned in them the shock of the event that had shattered the peace of her life and the privacy of her home. A sense of compassion prompted me to speak.

"You may have complete confidence in my friend Sherlock Holmes," I said gently. "This is indeed a painful time for you, Lady Lavington, but rest assured that everything will turn out for the best."

She thanked me with a glance. But, when I rose to leave them together, she held up her hand.

"I would much prefer that you stayed, Dr Watson," she begged. "Your presence gives me confidence. Why have you sent for me, Mr Holmes?"

My friend, sitting back, had closed his eyes. "Shall we say that you are here in your husband's interests?" he murmured. "You will not object if I ask you to elucidate a few small points which are still obscure to me?"

Lady Lavington rose to her feet.

"Mr Holmes, this is unworthy," she said coldly. "You are trying to trick me into condemning my own husband! He is innocent, I tell you."

"So I believe. Nevertheless, I pray that you will compose yourself and answer my questions. I understand that this Buck Daley has been an intimate friend of Sir Reginald for some years past."

Lady Lavington stared at him, and then began to laugh. She laughed most heartily, but with a note in her mirth that jarred on me as a medical man.

"Friend?" she cried at last. "Why, he was unworthy to black my husband's boots!"

"I am relieved to hear you say so. And yet it is fair to suppose that both men moved in the same circles during the London seasons, and perhaps unknown to you, might have shared interests in common—possibly of a sporting nature? When did your husband first introduce Colonel Daley to lands?"

"You are pitifully wrong in all your suppositions. I knew Colonel Daley for years before my marriage. It was I who introduced him to my husband. Buck Daley was a creature of society, ambitious, worldly, merciless, and yet with all the charm of his kind. What interest could such a man have in common with a rough but honourable man whose world begins and ends with the boundaries of his own ancestral lands?"

"A woman's love," said Holmes quickly.

Lady Lavington's eyes dilated. Then, dropping the veil over her face, she rushed from the room.

FOR a long time Holmes smoked in silence, his brows drawn down and his gaze fixed thoughtfully upon the fire. I knew from the expression on his face that he had reached some final decision. Then he drew from his pocket a crumpled sheet of paper.

"A while ago, Watson, you asked whether I had found the answer to our problem. In one sense, my dear fellow, I have. Listen closely to the vital evidence I shall read to you. It is from the records in the Maldstone County Registry."

"I am all attention."

"This is a little transcription which I have put into comprehensible English. It was



Sinking into the chair, she raised her veil and let her head rest among the cushions.

originally written in the year 1485, when the House of Lancaster triumphed at last over the House of York.

"And it came to pass that on the field of Bosworth Sir John Lavington did take prisoner two knights and a squire and carried them with him to Lavington Court. For he would take no ransom from any who had raised banner for the House of York."

"That night, after Sir John had supped, each was brought to the table and offered the Choice. One knight, he who was a kinsman of Sir John, drank from the Life and departed without ransom. And one knight and the squire drank from the Death. It was a deed most un-Christian, for they were unconfessed, and thereafter men spoke far and wide of the Luck of Lavington."

FOR a while we sat in silence after the reading of this extraordinary document, while the wind lashed the rain against the windows and boomed in the ancient chimney.

"Holmes," I said at last, "I seem to sense something monstrous here. Yet what connection can there be between the murder of a profligate gambler and the violence that followed on a battle 400 years ago? Only the room has remained the same."

"This, Watson, is the second most important thing that I have discovered."

"And the first?"

"We shall find it at Lavington Court. A black baronet, Watson! Might it not also suggest blackmail?"

"You mean that Sir Reginald was being blackmailed?"

My friend ignored the question. "I have promised to meet Gregson at the house. Would you care to accompany me?"

"What is in your mind? I have seldom seen you so grave."

"It is already growing dark," said Sherlock Holmes. The dagger that killed Colonel Daley must do no further harm."

The Adventure of the Black Baronet concludes tomorrow.

'Cooking' The Uranium

Chapter 3 of a report on the Atom by

GORDON DEAN

Chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, 1950-53

FROM the control room in a reactor plant you have a good view of the loading

face of the pile which is where your uranium is finally transmuted to plutonium. Let us say it is loading day. They pile is shut down; the control rods are in; the "fire" is temporarily quenched.

Let us say that your pound of uranium, sealed with other uranium in an aluminium can, is being loaded into the reactor. Together with thousands of other cans, it goes with the aid of machinery into one of the many small, round holes that lead through the concrete and lead shielding to the reactor core.

Once in the reactor, it rests in tubes around which cooling water is circulated and which are separated by solid cubes of graphite. The graphite is there because it helps to direct the neutrons released in the atomic fire to their ultimate goals in uranium-238.

After your uranium is inserted in the pile, the holes leading through the concrete shell are sealed with lead stoppers, the control rods are gradually withdrawn, and the pile of uranium and graphite bursts into nuclear flame. There your uranium remains for a period of several months, "cooking," undergoing its own strange kind of metamorphosis as minute particles in it change from one basic element into another.

When the uranium is "done"—that is, when as much as is efficiently possible has been changed into plutonium—it is pushed out the other side of the reactor into a canal filled with water to a depth of thirty feet. This water absorbs the deadly rays now emanating from the contents of the aluminium can.

"Hot" Uranium Months of nuclear cooking have made the uranium "hot"—in a nuclear sense. But there is no visible change in the aluminium can, and if you could see it, the uranium itself would not look vastly different. The particles that have changed into plutonium are individual atoms widely dispersed throughout the uranium, and they could not be seen even with the most powerful microscope. But the can is "hot" even so, and although you would not feel this radiation immediately by touching it, the excruciatingly severe burns that would shortly appear on your hand would tell you that you had dared to defy one of the basic forces of the universe.

The can containing the uranium and plutonium is now allowed to "cool" for a month or more in the canal. You can walk down to this cement-lined channel and look over the railing. There, deep below you, amid the subterranean equipment used to transport the cans away from the reactor, you can see one of the most eerie and beautiful sights of the atomic age—the cold blue glow that surrounds each can of uranium and that marks the effect of its intense radioactivity on the water.

From the canal your can of uranium goes to another building and back into the hands of the chemist. Only a fraction of the uranium has been changed into plutonium, and the problem now is that old familiar one of separation—to get the plutonium out. This, of course, is a chemical problem, for uranium and plutonium being different basic elements with different chemical properties, can be separated by conventional chemical means.

Radioactive But we must remember that your metal now is intensely radioactive, and cannot be handled in conventional ways. So the entire chemical separation process, including the handling of burning acids and the transfer of materials from one cell to another, must be carried out by remote control behind great lead and concrete barriers.

Pure plutonium metal looks much like pure uranium, or for that matter, like pure nickel, silver or chromium. It is heavy, like natural uranium, but differs from it in one very important respect—if it is brought together into what the scientists call a "critical mass," it will explode like an atomic bomb. As a matter of fact, it would be an atomic bomb, for it is also poisonous, and to make matters still worse, highly radioactive.

From that Hanford chemical processing plant your uranium, or rather now your plutonium, is taken deep behind the cloak of security to the secret locations where it is fabricated by machine-shop methods into shapes that can be used in the cores of bombs, or further, in the production of the atomic energy that is now being harnessed for peaceful nuclear power.

Small Molecules It is not nearly so simple as separating steel from gravel, however, for in the gaseous diffusion process we are dealing with individual molecules of matter so small that they cannot be seen even with the most powerful microscope. It is these molecules that must be sifted through the barriers, and therefore the holes in the barrier material must be just barely small—less than one two-millionth of an inch in diameter.

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Stop Here For Slotted Angles

By LES ARMOUR

"New developments on display will include slotted angles, skin cleaners, time recorders, wages and salaries machines, writing machines, work bins, dust collecting equipment..." Except from the announcement of the Factory Equipment Exhibition, Westminster.

NO doubt about it, British ingenuity soars to greater heights.

The man who invented a slot for the angle must have been doing some deep thinking indeed. And skin cleaners! We didn't even know skins existed, let alone that they needed to be cleaned.

As to wages and salaries machines! Forsooth! And here the boss has been telling us that salaries have to be earned.

The work bin world is wholly foreign to us. Probably some dodge for busting strikes.

Doubtless, there is a good market for dust in

some obscure corner of the world. But only the British could have invented machines for collecting it.

But what really worried us was the writing machine. We always suspected that the day would come when we would be replaced. Quite simple, no doubt. You feed 500 clichés in one end, press a button, and you get Armour on the strike situation at the other.

Faced with this sobering thought, we decided to investigate.

Dreams Fade

We started with the skin cleaners. The dreams began to fade.

A suave voice at the other end of the telephone gave a polite laugh. "Mis-

print, old man. Should have read SKIN cleaners.

"You ought to look into our Filmoline Barrier Cream, though. A superior degreasant and industrial detergent will also be..."

We hung up.

Wages and salaries machines existed all right. But they only record what you earn. "And deduct your income tax faster than any machine yet invented. Just what you need..." Like a hole in the head, we need them.

And dust collecting machines? A glorified vacuum cleaner, this. (Very efficient. "Improves the health of your employees.")

The work bin world is likewise a dull place. Miles and miles of shiny, collapse-

ible bins, sitting there eagerly waiting to swallow the produce of the working classes.

No fear about writing machines either. They are ingenious gimmicks for filling in municipal rating books. (Shortening the time between the bill and balliff, to be exact.)

A Mystery

But the slotted angle. Ah, there is a mystery. "I have not received information from any of the exhibitors relating to Slotted Angles," reports the exhibition's publicity man, a trifle curtly.

So there you are. From a mighty dream, only a solitary slotted angle remains.

You can have the industrial revolution.

HALF TIME POSITIONAL CHANGES GAVE RAF 3-1 VICTORY OVER EASTERN

By I.M. MacTAVISH

At the interval in the game between RAF and Eastern yesterday the score sheet showed that neither side had managed to snatch a goal, and that was a very accurate reflection of some really indifferent and careless forward play by the two teams. The game up to that point had been a tedious series of disjointed incidents that were as uninteresting as they were unexciting.

During the interval the RAF made a clever change in their line-up and it changed the whole tempo of the play. They switched Lander to his normal position at centre-forward and drew Elston back first to inside-right and then to right-half. The change worked wonders for Elston was much happier away from the leader's berth, while Lander brought the first real spark of life to the game when he started his high-powered dashes down the middle... and for the first time he had the Eastern defenders showing traces of concern.

The first half will be remembered for the squandering of both sets of forwards for the distressing ineptitude of the Chinese forwards and finally for some complete goalkeeping by MacLaren who prevented the only suggestion of a goal in a half.

The team changes which took place during the interval had an almost magical effect. The Army were on top and they remained there until the final whistle.

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WELL BEATEN Eastern used the few remaining minutes to try and put a better face on the score but their efforts lacked both determination and skill and at the end they were a well beaten team.

For the winners, MacLaren had another good game in goal but he had a stroke of luck in the first half when he missed a fast cross shot which went through his hands, struck his leg and rolled away wide of the goal without an Eastern touch.

India Defeats All-Malaya In Hockey Match

Singapore, Feb. 20. The visiting Indian Hockey Federation team won the first of two "international" matches here with a rousing 14-2 victory over All-Malaya at Kuala Lumpur to-day.

This was the visitors' sixth successive victory of their tour, and they made the most of the fast ground to completely rout the Malayan team.

The Indian skipper, Balbir Singh, was again in his best scoring form to net five goals, while R. S. Gentile got three off short corners. Susilnathan scored four times and Malhotra and Bhola once each.

The tourists led 5-2 at the interval, after an almost even first half. But the resumption saw the pace tell on the Malayan team who fell to pieces in the last quarter.—Reuter.

FAST TIMES BY KONNO AND CLEVELAND

Lags Lansing, Feb. 20. Dick Connelley and Ford Konno, Hawaiian stars of the Ohio State swimming team, cracked four pool and dual meet records today in leading the Buckeyes to a 55-38 victory over Michigan State.

Cleveland swam the 50-yard free style in 6:22.1 and the 100-yard free style in 6:48.3. Konno posted a 2:00.5 in the 220-yard free style and recorded a 4:30.8 in the 440-yard free style.—United Press.

35 LB. WEIGHT RECORD

New York, Feb. 20. Bob Backus of the New York City Athletic Club beat the world indoor record for the 35-lb. weight throw here today with a distance of 68 ft. 8 in. The latest world record is 60 ft. 11 in. set up by Tom Bane three years ago.

Backus was competing in the American Amateur Athletic Union indoor championships at Madison Square Garden.—Reuter.

forward up to take advantage of the slip.

MacLaren had a fine game of right back and he certainly seemed much more comfortable on the right than he has recently been on the left. To be sure, he had a spell in both wing-half positions, again showing that he is an accomplished player who needs only a little more "dov" to make his mark in local football.

Lander was a much better centre-forward than he is a half back, and the reverse is true of Elston. To be sure, he was moved quite early in the game but he remained on the field and made a useful contribution to his side's victory.

Gilbey again played well and is steadily regaining the form that brought him prominence at the start of the season.

Morgan and Tomlinson did some clever things but both of them at times showed a tendency to kick the ball behind the goal rather than to the keeper.

In a surprisingly poor Eastern team, goalkeeper John Wood, centre Law Pak, Fong Sai-chow, Chan Chan-ho and Tse Kam-toe are no merit comment. The play of the side was disjointed, and apart from Fong Sai-chow, the men showed little fighting spirit and failed to fight back when things were going against them.

VERDICT: On this form both teams are in false positions in the League table... for judged on their second half display the Army are a much better side than their opponents of yesterday.

The game was completely controlled by Referee Barnett who worked well with his linesmen.

THE TEAMS

RAF: MacLaren; MacFarlane, Martin, Tuth, Jones, Lander, Tomlinson, Treherne, Elston, Gilbey, Morgan, Tse Kam-toe; Lee Ping-nam, Law Pak; Ng Wai-man, Fong Sai-chow, Lo Wei-kuen, Wong Kwok-kei, Fong Kwok-yuen, Chan Chan-ho, Ng Chun-sing, Tse Kam-toe.

ST. JOSEPH'S 0, ARMY 3

Stout-hearted defenders saved Saints from a heavy defeat in their game against the Army at Sookunpoo on Saturday. The Soldiers were in complete command from start to finish and the fact that they managed to score only three goals was due to the fine work of Swinburn, Davey and full backs Shultz and Rocha—and also to the irritating tendency of Thomas to cut back on his right wing to cut back on his right wing, thus spoiling several promising forward movements and giving the Saints' defenders another chance to cover up.

Bennett was in goal-scoring form and netted three clever counters. His third goal was

Conferences On Melbourne Olympic Games

Melbourne, Feb. 22. The Technical Director of the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games, Mr. E. J. Holt, will leave Australia in April to attend two conferences with the executive of the International Olympic Committee and other international sporting officials.

Mr. Holt will discuss technical arrangements for the various sports to be held in 1956.

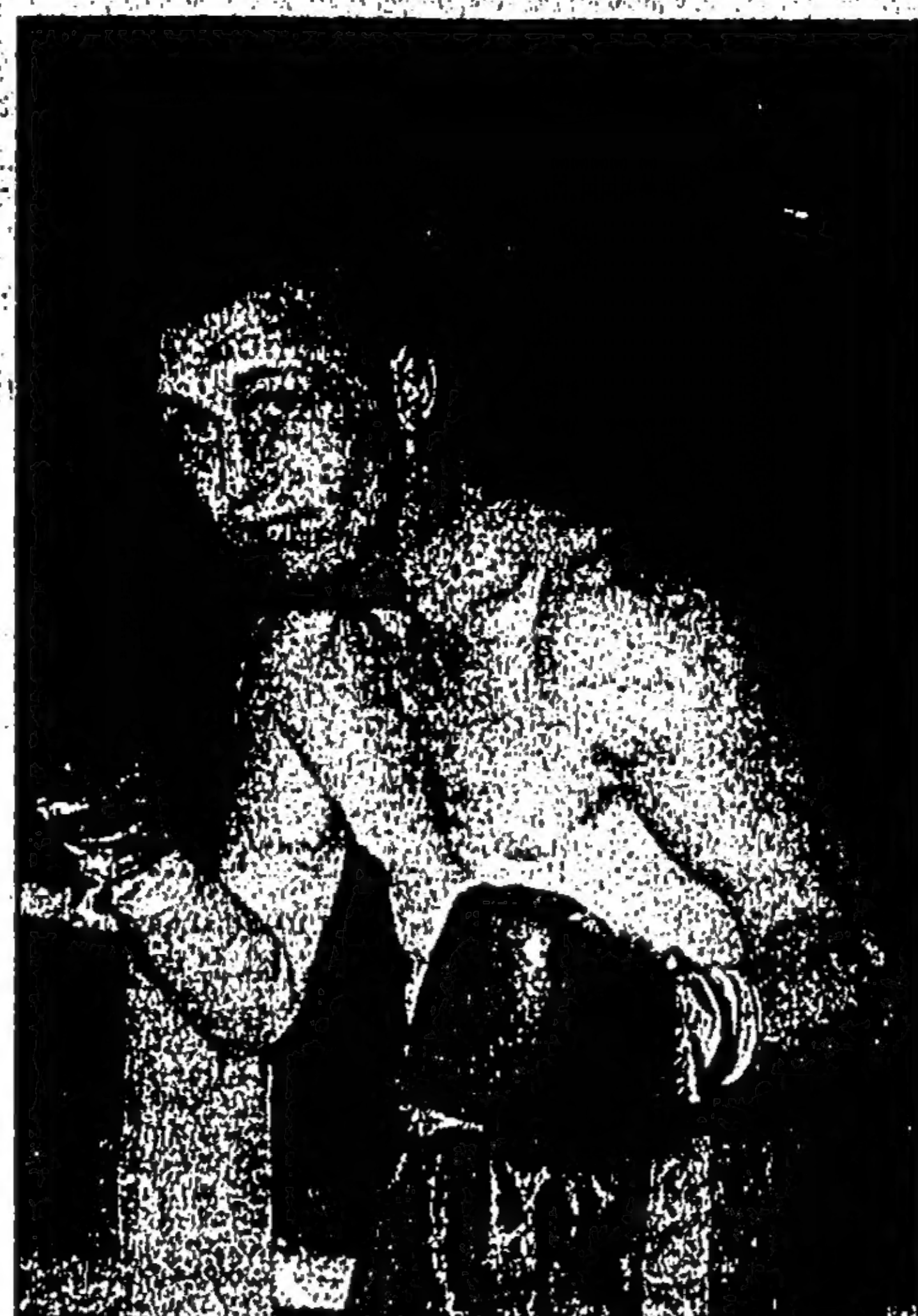
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TO FIGHT CHAMPION



George Happe, 22, from Bethnal Green, who has made his mark in the flat world with victories over Hector Constance and Peter Fallon, will meet the British Champion, Vally Thom, at Albert Hall on Tuesday.—(Central Press).

LEAGUE CRICKET

ARMY WIN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

By "THE ZOMBIE"

Army annexed the Senior Division Cricket League title and completed the double on Saturday, when they held the Optimists to a draw and the Scorpions and Recrelo dropped out of the race by losing to Craigengower and drawing with Navy respectively.

It was not the finish to a brilliant season that the soldiers would have chosen themselves, but despite the fact that the result of their match with the Optimists was a draw, some very good cricket was produced both by them and their opponents. It was a pity that the light could not have been better on that day.

Once again Army's bowlers came to the fore with Alexander and Weir taking the main honours. Alexander brought up his bag for the season to 29 wickets with an analysis of four wickets for 53 runs while Weir who came into the Army team only late in the season proved a worthy successor to Dowling.

With another fine performance that gave him five wickets at a cost of 57 runs.

In six matches Weir has now taken 22 wickets and given away only 211 runs which gives him an average of below 10.

Although set to score 140 runs to win, Army's batting capabilities were stretched to the full. Things looked bright for them when they had 102 runs on the board for the loss of six wickets, but in their attempt to force the issue they

220 RECORD BY HENRICKS

Melbourne, Feb. 20. Jon Henricks of Sydney won the Australian 220-yard freestyle swimming championship at the Melbourne Olympic pool tonight in 2 mins 9.9 sec.

Henricks was nine-tenths of a second over his own Australian record but he set a new Victorian mark.

Gary Chapman, middle-distance New South Wales champion, placed second with Singapore's Neo Chwee Kok third in 2:12.

Sydney's Lorraine Crapp ripped 7.4 secs off the British Empire games record in winning the 440-yard free style in 6 mins 18 secs. The previous record was set by Jean Harrison of South Africa at Auckland in 1950.—United Press.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

1st Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Army	11	10	3	2	39	10	21
K.M.B.	11	10	0	1	40	20	20
Kitcher	13	9	1	3	42	20	19
Sing	12	7	2	3	44	21	16
South China	12	7	1	4	20	7	15
Kwong Wah	13	7	1	5	20	25	15
R.A.F.	17	7	1	9	40	57	15
Eastern	12	6	2	4	27	27	14
Police	17	7	0	10	30	44	14
Club	13	5	3	5	33	39	13
Navy	13	5	3	5	11	19	10
St. Joseph's	15	2	3	10	25	72	4

2nd Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
K.M.B.	18	17	1	0	78	20	35
C.A.A.	13	14	3	4	75	31	31
South China	15	14	1	1	64	10	29
Eastern	17	8	4	5	30	30	20
Kitcher	17	9	3	5	62	21	21
Army	15	9	1	5	60	29	19
Navy	19	8	2	9	46	45	18
R.A.F.	19	8	2	9	33	29	18
Gymnastic	17	6	2	9	31	49	14
Police	17	7	1	9	10	49	14
Kwong Wah	17	3	1	13	17	55	5
Club	19	0	4	15	24	59	4
St. Joseph's	18	2	1	15	30	94	2

3rd Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Talkoo	14	11	3	0	33	12	23
Western	13	10	1	2	45	19	21
R.M.C.	12	7	2	3	33	20	16
C. & W.	13	7	2	4	40	30	16
Little Sai Wan	14	7	2	5	49	30	16
C.M.B.	12	6	2	4	33	20	14
Prisons	14	7	2	5	33	20	14
R.A.M.C.	14	6	2	6	24	48	12
Soldiers	10	6	2	2	11	14	12
Yard, Police	10	2	3	5	11	24	5
Tramways	13	1	1	11	18	54	3

4th Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Jardine	14	11	3	0	33	12	23
Ed. S. Tamar	14	10	3	1	31	22	21
Deity Farm	14	9	3	2	33	20	21
Rediffusion	14	9	2	3	33	20	20
Alfonso	14	8	2	4	33	20	18
A.L.C.	14	8	2	4	33	20	18
St. Joseph's	14	8	2	4	33	20	18
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RAF Massacre The Club In Pentangular Tournament Match

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday I ventured to prophesy that in the Pentangular that afternoon the RAF would overcome the Club, but I did not for a second imagine that it would be such a complete massacre, when later on in the afternoon a grand RAF XV slaughtered a demoralised Club side by 18 points (3 goals) to 3 points (1 penalty goal).

Earlier on in the day the Police had conceded a walkover to the Navy when due to previous injuries they found themselves unable to field a complete team. This was the correct manoeuvre as they would probably have been beaten in any case, and would never have stood up to the Navy if they had played short handed. So the Navy got its two points in the Pentangular table, and is still running neck and neck with the Army.

The only game at Kaitak was well worth seeing, because it showed the spectators a fine RAF team who had little trouble overcoming both the conditions and the Club.

The Club have never fielded such a terrible team as this. For the first few seconds they looked good and then very quickly failed off. Roberts at full back was the only one to do much to save the Club's name from complete disgrace.

In the three Ingles played quite well when he got the ball but that was exceedingly seldom. The rest of the three might have been beginners for all the use they were.

Craig at half, after trying for some time to get his three moving, eventually gave up a bad job and tried to go through on his own, but no one backed him up so his attempts came to nothing.

In the forwards, as usual, Douglas stood out but he was a lone figure. The set scrums were evenly divided, which was surprising to say the least as the Club had a great advantage of weight but never used it. Their following-up was non-existent, and their tackling—well it just could not be called that.

NOTHING BUT PRAISE

The RAF team on the other hand deserves nothing but praise. Every man played well with Dark as centre three outstanding. Eden at full back took his job very coolly and never looked flustered. Davidson's return to the pack seemed to settle them down and Brightwell must be mentioned for his fine foot rushes.

The RAF kicked off with a very cold fresh cross wind blowing, and before the Club had realised that the game had started the alrmen had scored.

Near the half way line there was a lineout and the RAF won. The ball went to Dark who broke through half the Club team, who of course could not rouse themselves in time to do anything, and passed to Davidson who scored under the posts and then converted. 5-0.

Then the Club showed just what they could do—NOTHING. Shortly after this Davidson was given two penalty attempts but the wind beat him each time.

The play now remained centred on the Club 25 line and only some good touch kicking by Roberts and Craig kept the RAF from breaking through.

Parker nearly added to the score when he gathered a kick by Roberts for touch, ran well, then kicked ahead across but unluckily someone was offside and the ball was cleared upfield.

There the Club were awarded a penalty but Craig's kick was short and Dark sent play back upfield with a nice kick which went to Milton and then Davidson, who took at his feet. One of the Club obstructed him by hanging on to his leg, and so a penalty was given, but Davidson missed.

Then in the middle of the field there was a lineout, followed by a scrum which the RAF won and the ball went out to Davis, who drew two men, then passed to Gammon, who took it the rest of the way and dived over. Davidson converted. 10-0.

The RAF scored again just before half time when they won a scrum. The ball going to Dark, he evaded two men and then when he seemed in the clear passed to Davidson who was following up well. Davidson ran, then passed back to Dark, but it was short. However Dark took it on with his feet and dived on it as the ball crossed the line. Davidson

converted to make the half time score 15-0.

BRIGHTER FOR CLUB

The second half was a little brighter for the Club as they scored, but only through an RAF error. Craig had tried once again to take the ball through on his own but was as usual well grounded, but in the ensuing loose man an alrman was offside. Craig took the long kick of about 40 yards and it went straight and true between the posts. 15-3.

The Club pressed for a minute after this but were soon back on the defensive. Then there was a scrum on the half way line and the RAF won and the ball went out to Parker who covered ten yards, then passed to Dark, who rounded two intending tacklers and then outran Roberts, the Club full back, to score in the corner.

This was indeed one of those copy book tries, and it is a pity that Dark is only here temporarily for he would have made a most excellent addition to the RAF team in the future. Davidson missed the long kick, leaving the score at 18-3.

The Club nearly added to their score when at last the ball went to Ingles, who went down the line like a bullet but was stopped with a full blooded tackle by Eden, the RAF full back.

The ball went loose over the line, but the Club forwards had not followed up fast enough and the RAF were able to touch down in plenty of time. Some good kicking then took the Club well into the RAF's half and again the ball went loose over the RAF line. This time it looked a little more hopeful for the Club as "Muscles" Russell was following up, but once again the RAF managed to touch down.

The RAF returned to the attack and got to the Club five-yard line where they won the scrum and attempted to go blind but were forced out into touch and the Club won the lineout and managed to clear.

Then the Club three got away and Watson passed beautifully to McKenzie of the RAF and the RAF were just getting into their stride when the final whistle went.

The Club have only themselves to blame for this reverse, and there will have to be quite

MALAYAN AAA EXTENDS INVITATIONS

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 22. Malaya's Amateur Athletic Association has decided to invite Ceylon, Indonesia and Thailand to take part in its Annual Championships at Kuala Lumpur on August 13 and 14.

The decision was announced at a meeting here yesterday when it was also agreed to send a Malayan team to the Asian Games to be held in Manila from May 1 to May 9.

The Association stated that the Philippines was not included in the invitation to the Malayan championships as it was considered too far away. The Association's Executive Committee also considered Hongkong, but ruled it out because it had not extended a similar invitation previously to Malaya.

Closing date for entries for the Championships will be July 26.—Reuter.

a few more changes in the team before their next game if they were to win.

The game was refereed by "Doc" Eberle who always keeps a tight rein on the game and gives the spectator plenty of laughs with his decisive whistling.

There was a friendly match at the Police Recreation Ground at Boundary Street between the Navy and the Gunners which resulted in a clear cut win for the Navy, by 13 points (2 goals, 1 penalty goal) to 3 points (1 try) in a hard fought game in which the Navy had that little bit of superiority throughout.

Larry Montes Wins Far East Open Tourney

Manila, Feb. 22. Philippines' undisputed golf ace Larry Montes yesterday chalked a two under par 70 to annex the fourth Far East Open Golf Championship and top money of \$2,000.

The victory gave the 43-year-old 10-time winner of the Philippine Golf Open his third consecutive Far East Open title—a record never before achieved by any local golfer.

For the tournament, Montes carded a score of 220, Cuyayan, second place and \$1,500 runner-up prize money was Celestino Tugot. Romping off with third place and money of \$1,000 was Pedro Garcia.—France-Press.

New Umpires For Third Test At Georgetown

Georgetown, British Guiana, Feb. 21. Two new umpires were today named by the West Indies Board of Cricket Control for the third Test between England and the West Indies, which begins here on Wednesday next.

The decision followed a protest by England's Captain, Len Hutton, and Manager, Charles Palmer against the nomination of umpires Kippings and Roloff, who officiated in the British Guiana-MCC match which ended in an MCC win yesterday.

The new umpires appointed are Badge Monro, groundsman at Georgetown Cricket Ground, and E.S. "Wing" Gillette, both from British Guiana.

Gillette was umpire in the third Test on the last England tour of the West Indies in 1948.—Reuter.

Paraguay Again Beats Chile

Santiago, Feb. 21. Paraguay beat Chile by three goals to one in their World Soccer Cup match here today, each side scoring once in the second half.

This was the second meeting of the two countries in qualifying group 12. Paraguay having won the earlier match 4-0.

Brazil, also in the group, have yet to start their programme.—Reuter.



POINT 23

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THE BEST

WARRIORS WASTED THEIR CHANCES IN GOING DOWN 4-3 TO CAA

Says "SNOOPER"

The Warriors wasted their chances yesterday. Potentially, one of the finest hitting teams in the Senior "A" League, the Warriors displayed the explosive qualities but they did not have the leadership and their supporters were disappointed when they throw away their game against Mak Kwong's Chinese Athletic Association by 4-3 at King's Park.

It could have been a Warriors' victory. It could have been but for the three costly fumbles by pitcher Joey Franco whose main problem sprang from his slowness in picking up a ball. Alfredo Oliveira, a regular Warriors' centre fielder, was misplaced at first and he was charged with two errors while the sixth error was committed by shortstop Johnny Pereira.

The obsession of the Warriors' runners to steal bases whenever they got a chance must have been frustrating to their fans. In the second inning when the bases were loaded and no man down the Warriors were furnished with the best chance of scoring but the Chinese Athletic Association saved the situation through their opposition's poor judgment.

With Joey Franco on third and Gerry Remedios at second, Peter Hahn's off 1-1 hit a sacrifice fly was wasted and he was tagged out at first. Franco in turn, failed to cross the home plate and Gerry Remedios, in sheer desperation to steal home, was tagged out by an alert P. C. Wong to wipe out the Warriors' threat in this game.

The hearts of the Warriors' players must have been gladdened by the signs of a comeback in the third frame after the Chinese ballplayers had established a slim 3-1 lead. Google Marques got a hit and had the enthusiasm to come

home due principally to faulty CAA infield play.

Then Johnny Pereira, who was on third, came into the picture. He went straight for the home plate when catcher Lam Leung-ping fumbled a throw-in, and although it was a "delightful try," the Warriors paid expensively for Pereira's effort. He was tagged out for trying to steal home.

Next batter up was Cuscuta Souza, one of the most successful batters in the Senior "A" circuit, and there was a strong possibility that catcher Souza could bring Pereira home. I regard this opportunist effort made in a vital stage of the game unnecessary and it proved too costly to the Warriors who were playing surprisingly well against one of the best Chinese teams in the League.

CHIEF DIFFERENCE

The chief difference between the Warriors and the Chinese Athletic Association was that the CAA ballplayers had too much at stake in the game to stay in the pennant race while the Warriors could claim honours should they turn back the Chinese players.

Mak Kwong's softballers, who were unsettled yesterday, did not deserve to win. Only two players made an impression among the fans. They were pitcher P. C. Wong, who refused to be rattled by the Warriors' heavy hitters, and first baseman C. M. Tsang who established a lead over Braves' Calu Yvanovich and Bui Dhabber with two excellent hits to left field. Previously, Tsang and Yvanovich had been tied for first position in the Batting Championship race, with Dhabber trailing.

Although the CAA nine had enthusiasm, they lacked polish and their reliable infielders were charged with four errors. The Chinese rarely looked as dangerous as the Warriors who should have won.

The CAA's next game against the Braves will be recognised as the deciding one, and unless the Chinese ballplayers display a much-improved form than was demonstrated yesterday, they will find it a most difficult task coping the Senior "A" Pennant this season. They will have to face the Saints in the closing stages of the League.

One of the interesting features of the CAA-Warriors' battle was the two-hit performance of centre-fielder Gerry Remedios who shared premier honours with Jimmy Cheng in the batting display yesterday. Both Tsang and Seldon Ma were also prominent with two hits apiece.

WARRIORS' MISFORTUNE

Bimbi Ablong's six-time champion Wahoo's main hopes to retain the Senior Ladies' Pennant centre on pitcher Terry Noronha. That was made obvious yesterday when the Wahoo's met Ed Marques' red-shirted Colleens in the feature play-off series game.

With Terry Noronha sustaining a serious hand injury after the Wahoo's lost the game to 5-1 in the fourth, her tosses continued to fizz like a damp squib—no bang. Any prospect of saving the game got less and less as innings went by and at the finish the Colleens were jubilant that they managed to beat the Owls for the first time after two ignominious defeats.

The reversal was a severe setback to the Owls' hopes of retaining their Pennant for the seventh time. Yet, without any gloom, coach Bimbi Ablong could not have Terry Noronha replaced in the fourth and the Wahoo's most valuable player gallantly laboured under great handicap to lose her first game to the Colleens.

The Colleens were in top gear from the fourth canto and pitcher Bunny Remedios and Pamela Hall, who played a big part in their initial triumph, "Bunnie" hit with astonishing casualness to top the day's batting with a four-hit performance. But the Wahoo's morning game was undoubtedly Pam Hall, who foisted a home run in the vital seventh when the Wahoo's were 11-10 ahead.

Pamela poled out a glorious fly to centre field, the ball soaring high into the outfield and beyond Chuchl Campos' reach to drive home three Colleens' runners and she herself came home with plenty to spare. Pamela's winning hit robbed the Wahoo's of a victory which they richly deserved.

Among the players who caught the eye were left-fielder Alex Mendoca of the Owls who gave one of her finest fielding performances, pitcher Terry Noronha, Bunny Remedios and Pamela Hall.

The Wahoo's had six hits at the close of the third frame while the Colleens were only able to hit pitcher Terry Noronha twice. No fewer than 12 hits were registered by the Colleens from the fourth onward.

GLOOMY PROSPECTS

The Rexes' prospects of remaining in the Senior "A" League next season are gloomy indeed. The good crowd of spectators yesterday firmly believe they saw a team of soft-ballers who will be relegated to the Senior "B" at the end of this season. And who can blame them?

So poverty-stricken was the display which the Rexes provided against Jackie Weir's Pandas that they were hopelessly trounced by 11-1 at the close of play.

With the fielders so panicky in the first inning it was little wonder that the Pandas jumped ahead to 6-1. The Rexes were no match for the Pandas but their readiness to turn up in full strength yesterday was commendable.

The Rexes did not play like the champions they were in the Senior "B" League last season, and with the exception of A. G. Ismail who had two hits in two and A. Ditta who got a hit, the remaining players had little to show.

The highlight of the game was the home run of third baseman Wally Ma registered in the initial inning. Ma also was prominent at bat with two hits but the outstanding Pandas' batter was shortstop Y. S. Liang who was credited with full marks with a three-in-three performance.

Both Willie Woo and Allen Cheng enhanced their prospects in the Senior Batting Championship race with a hit apiece.

In the third Senior "A" game of the day, Chev Tsai's South China outclassed the USS Astabula by 13-4 despite the fact that the gobs outlit the Carolinians by 10-4. It was the USS Astabula's debut at King's Park.

AMERICANS IMPROVE

With a sprinkling of old-timers in the team, Bob Suzman's Americans walloped Fred Dista's PI Dodgers by 11-3 in the first round Senior "B" clash and should the Yankees repeat this winning performance in the second round meeting, they are assured of a play-off tie with Jimmy Herick's Pandas.

The Americans, after a seven-run scoring spree in the initial frame, were never in much danger of defeat. Dodgers' pitcher Tony Rev, who was relieved in the fifth inning, had an off-day. Winning pitcher was Daniel Remedios who yielded only three hits.

Jack Carvalho's Wildfires trampled over the University by 6-2 in the other Senior "B" encounter. The Wildfires took a 4-1 lead at the close of the second frame and were never headed.

In the Junior Ladies' Play-off series, South China upset the Wahoo's "B" by 5-1 in a tick-tack game. Losing pitcher Valerie Fernandez, who deputised for regular pitcher Evelyn Alonso, performed creditably after a most shaky start to allow the Carolines to score four runs in the first inning.

Two of the three Junior Division games were keenly contested. The Pandas nosed out the Maumans by 3-2 after an extra inning. By virtue of this excellent win, the Pandas are still within striking distance of the Chinese Athletic Association first team who overwhelmed the 25 Gunners by 25-0. The CAA are currently one game ahead.

The other exciting game was seen between the Rookies and the Chinese Athletic Association second team, who surprisingly extended their highly-fancied opponents by 10-9 in a thrilling finish. It was a much-improved CAA squad of ball-players who easily gave the Rookies a rueful defeat.

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL



England's centre-forward, Albert Minton, in an aerial duel with Scotland's goalkeeper McCready in the Youth International match at Ayrshire Park, Middlesbrough.

Howarth And Purvis Save The Bowling Green Club

In the second match of the triangular cricket tournament between Kowloon Cricket Club, Kowloon Docks Recreation Club and Kowloon Bowling Green Club by Frank Howarth, beat the KDRC by one wicket.

Howarth went in when nine wickets had fallen for 25 runs and 43 runs were still required to win. He found an admirable partner in Purvis and between them they proceeded to win the game in exciting fashion. Howarth scored 31 not out (one six and four boundaries) and Purvis 14 (three 4's).

Kowloon Docks batted first and were dismissed for 74, of which Bob Lepasley scored 36. At one time the Docks had lost six wickets for 19 runs. Joe Eastman was the star bowler, taking five wickets for six runs in 4.3 overs, two of which were maidens. Eric Liddell gave him good support with three wickets for 10 runs.

When the Bowling Green's fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth wickets fell at the same total of 25 it seemed the Docks were destined to win easily, but the Howarth-Purvis partnership changed the game completely.

For the Docks, Vic White was the most effective bowler, taking 7 for 13.

COLONY SHOT PUT RECORD WILL SOON FALL

By "RECORDER"

The Colony Shot Put record will soon fall. This was promised over the week-end that by 2/Lt Herron of 32 Med. Regt. RA, who put 40 feet 11 inches at the RA/RE 40 Infantry Division meeting at Boundary Street and then by South China's Chan Wai-chuen, who on Sunday, also at Boundary Street, beat Herron with a toss of 40 feet 8 inches.

The record stands at 40 feet 9 inches, made by Lt. J. F. Greer at Caroline Hill in the qualifying round of the Colony Championships in 1951. Herron has actually beaten it, but his effort is unlikely to be accepted as there was no official measurement made by the HKAAA.

Chan Wai-chuen started yesterday with a put of nearly 42 feet in a warm-up session, but did not come near enough to this in the actual competition. The HKAAA, despite many absences, put up a strong team against the Dorset Regiment in the team match on Sunday. The Dorsets managed to win the Polo Vault, Two Miles Relay, 360 Yards High Hurdles Relay and the Javelin Throw.

In a season rich in javelin throwers, in the 14-150 feet class, there was no lack of them in yesterday's match. Moore of the Dorsets won with 153 feet 4 inches, Chan Wai-chuen was second with 150: 3, Lau Kam-yiu — easily the smallest thrower in town —

third with an excellent 145:0 and Brookings of the Dorsets fourth with 144:9.

All-Foreign Final For U.S. Indoor Tennis Title

New York, Feb. 21. Sven Davidsson, Sweden, defeated Bill Talbert, American Davis Cup Captain, 6-2, 6-1 and 6-2 to enter the final of the United States Indoor Lawn Tennis Championship here today.

Kurt Nielsen, Denmark's beaten finalist, beat Art Larson (the holder of the cup) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 and 6-4 in the other semi-final, and will meet Davidsson on Monday in the first all-foreign final since 1927.

Jean Borotra, of France, beat his fellow countryman, Jacques Brugnon, in the 1927 final. The last non-American to win the title was Pancho Segura, of Ecuador, in 1946. Segura is now a professional.—Reuter.

Santa Anita Derby

Arcadia, Calif., Feb. 21.

Determine won the \$131,000 (\$47,000) Santa Anita Derby, over one mile one furlong, yesterday and on a fast track equalled the Derby record time of one minute 48.8 seconds.

Eleven horses started in the event which was worth more than \$30,000 to the winning owner.—Reuter.

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Latest Round-Up of Aviation News From London

This week's Aviation round-up from London includes an item about the growing popularity of Britain's midjet Jet-fighter the Folland Gnat, which stands no more than five ft. six high, which can be produced at one-third of the cost of the conventional jet fighter and in one-fifth of the number of man-hours. Other items tell you in this special feature to The China Mail, how pilots can land the new R.A.F. crescent-wing jet bomber the Victor "hands-off," and how guided missiles are piloted.

A new airliner which introduces yet another unusual kind of wing is to appear on the European air routes. It is the French Hurel-Dubois H.D. 32. Its wing span is 147 ft. 6 in. (more than twice the altitude length from nose to tail) and the wings are unusually narrow — at their widest they measure only 10 ft. 10 in.

But the total wing area (giving the aircraft its "lift") is 1,076 square feet, or 118 square feet more than the wings of Britain's four-engined Viscount jet-propeller airliner.

From Our Correspondent

They will leave Tokyo March 14 for Hongkong, and will make trips to Calcutta, New Delhi, Madras, Bombay, Bhopal, Dhaka, Lahore, and Karachi, visiting the producing districts of this country.

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GOVT CLERK CHARGED WITH BIGAMY

Charges that he had married another woman while his wife was still living and that he had made false declarations in connection with this second marriage were made against a 37-year-old PWD Clerk, Hon Kwok-leung, alias Hon Fook-cheung, alias Hon Yiu-sang, who stood trial for alleged bigamy in the Victoria District Court before Judge J. Reynolds this morning.

Hon, who pleaded not guilty, is being defended by Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr A. M. L. Soares.

Crown Counsel, Mr Simon Li, continued Crown Counsel. One said that the first charge of bigamy and the other three of making false declarations, all arose out of the second marriage to a woman named Hui Kam-yuk on August 6 1949. The Deputy Registrar of Marriages would give evidence as to the procedure of the Marriage Registry and say that before a person got married he must give particulars about himself in accordance with the Marriage Ordinance and before the ceremony could take place he must sign a declaration on oath that his particulars were true and there was no particular hindrance to his getting married. The parties would also have to sign a marriage form with particulars.

Typographical Error Causes Uproar

London, Feb. 21. Billy Graham's British sponsors today blamed a typographical error for setting off a Labour Party uproar. The American evangelist, in a letter to the British Executive Committee of his "Crusade", said that he was "glad to hear that the word 'Socialism' caused the dispute that threatened to spill onto the floor of the House of Commons. A Labour member said he would challenge the admission of Graham, on the grounds that he was interfering in British politics under the guise of religion."

The Socialists were up in arms over a 1954 calendar issued by the Billy Graham Evangelical Association. It said that "what Hitler's bombs could not do, Socialism, with its accompanying evils, shortly accomplished in demoralising Britain after the war."

Mr Graham himself, on his way here aboard the liner United Press, checked the dispute with the British Executive Committee of his "Crusade". It promptly apologised to the Socialists and its chairman, General Donald Wilson-Hoffenden, put the blame on a typographical error. United Press, ACCORDING TO THE MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 21.

Decamps With Y9,500,000

(Tokyo, Feb. 22.) The Ota Municipal Police Force reported today that it was short of one million and 9,500,000 yen (\$2,900,000). The police said the money, cycle, and other items were being driven to Ota Municipal Office last night in a small truck guarded by two police, four city officials and five bank employees when the truck ran into a ditch. The driver, a police sergeant, asked the others to get out and push.

As soon as the truck was back on the road the sergeant drove off, leaving them stranded. He had not been seen since.

HK Dog Show Exhibits



Mr H. M. Howell's Great Dane "Robo of Ouborough" and Mr S. A. Birkholm's miniature Poodles "Icarus Snow Boy" and "Emmuri Snow White" at the Dog Show yesterday. (Staff Photographer)

High Tributes To Memory Of Late Mr Horace Lo

In a large gathering of members of the legal profession at the Supreme Court this morning the Full Court convened to pay tribute to the memory of the late Mr Horace Lo, former Magistrate, who died last Friday.

Speakers for the Judiciary, Legal Department, Bar Association and Law Society, alike expressed their high regard for the late Mr Lo who was a most popular figure in the Colony, and extended their deepest sympathy to his family.

The Full Court comprised the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, Mr Justice C. W. Reeco and Mr Justice J. R. Gregg. Others present were Judge J. Reynolds, Judge A. D. Scholes and Judge J. Wicks of the District Court; Mr Hin-shing Lo, Mr H. H. B. How, Mr T. Creedon and other Magistrates, the Attorney-General, the Hon. Arthur Ridehalgh QC, the Solicitor-General, Mr A. Hooton QC, and Crown Counsel; the Registrar of the Supreme Court, Mr C. d'Almeida and the Deputy Registrar Mr W. C. Low; and barristers and solicitors including the late Mr Lo's brothers, the Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo and the Hon. M. W. Lo.

LOSS OF A FRIEND
Mr Justice Gould declared: "We are gathered this morning to mark, with sorrow, the passing of one who was to most of us here, a friend, and who was held in high regard both within and without our legal sphere. Mr Horace Lo was a member of an old and distinguished Hongkong family and was admitted to practise as a solicitor of the Supreme Court in the year 1920. He practised as such for a number of years, and though prior to the war he left the law for commerce, he returned to it in the days of the Military Administration as a member of the Military Court. Subsequently he continued to serve Hongkong in a judicial capacity upon Tenancy Tribunals and as Magistrate, in which latter position he rendered able service to the Colony until he was unfortunately taken ill in February 1953. Horace Lo was regarded with respect and affection by all who knew him."

To his widow and daughter, and to the members of his family, in their sad loss I proffer the deepest sympathy of the judges of this court and of all those holding judicial office in the Colony."

The Hon. Arthur Ridehalgh said: "On behalf of our law officers and Department, I would like to be associated with the tribute which has been paid to the late Mr Horace Lo. He was a well-known and highly respected member of this community, but I myself think that he will best be remembered as a kindly and gentle man."

Body Found In Well: Man On Trial For Alleged Murder

The death of a woman, whose body was recovered from a well in a village just outside the walled city of Kowloon was recalled when Wong See-hoi, 43, unemployed, appeared on trial for the murder of Chin Ah-choi, alias Chan Tak-ye, before the Puisse Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg this morning.

It is alleged by the Crown that the deceased who was stated to be his mistress was dumped into the well by accused about 4.30 a.m. on October 25 last.

Mr D. F. O'Reilly Mayne, Crown Counsel, is appearing for the Prosecution, assisted by Mr. J. P. F. Jones, F. Jones, Buckingham. Accused is defended by Mr Charles Loseby, QC, on the instructions of Mr M. K. Lam.

A Jury of four men and three women have been empanelled. Outlining the facts, Mr Mayne said that shortly after 4 a.m. on October 25, Lam, a 43-year-old man, went outside of the house, where he was staying at No. 27 Po Kong Road, Pui Man village, just outside the walled city of Kowloon.

Whilst there the witness saw a man coming from the direction of the walled city carrying some large object on his back. The man came to a position fairly close to the house where Lam was standing at the time.

Lam saw the man push the object on his shoulder into a small circular well nearby, and afterwards he heard the splash of water. He was not sufficiently curious to investigate straight away, said Crown Counsel, but when he awoke later at 7 a.m., he proceeded to do so, and as a result it was discovered that the well contained the body of the woman, who was the deceased.

The body was brought out and it was seen that there were marks of violence around the neck.

The Police Surgeon who examined the body came to the conclusion that there had been an attempt at strangulation of the woman. She had not however died from strangulation but from asphyxia due to drowning, and this occurred about 4.30 a.m. on October 25.

PROSTITUTION
Enquiries were instituted and it was discovered that the deceased was a prostitute and resided and practised her profession at an address in Tin Hau Mui Street, which was in the middle of the walled city.

It was also discovered, Mr Mayne said, that accused resided with her in the same cubicle. He was unemployed and it appeared that he was supported by the deceased.

Evidence would be adduced that on the evening of the alleged murder, accused passed most of the evening in the company of a man nicknamed Dau Foo Lo, a beancurd maker.

After Dau Foo Lo and the deceased had attended a picture show they returned to the cubicle at Tin Hau Mui Street where accused remained talking for some time and later had some refreshments. After that accused asked the deceased to leave the cubicle with him.

A QUARREL
They were absent for a short time and, on their return, they began to quarrel. In the course of the argument, Dau Foo Lo was asked by the accused to leave, but deceased pleaded for him to remain. The quarrel eventually became so heated that the accused struck deceased a number of blows with his fist, the Prosecutor alleged, and after that Dau Foo Lo decided in his discretion to leave the cubicle.

The other occupants of the premises heard the quarrel continue and heard sounds of violence up to about 3 a.m., he said.

One of the inmates, Fong Yik-kai would say that he heard deceased crying. He also heard her say that she was not accused's daughter but his mistress. She was alleged to have further said, "You do not have to beat me. But if you must beat me, use a knife and chop me to death."

"B". Deceased belonged to group "B" and accused to group "O", Mr Mayne said. It was the suggestion of the Crown that the marks on the body of the deceased were being carried on the back of the accused shortly before she was allegedly thrown into the well.

Dr Lau Ching-ling in evidence said that early on the morning of October 25 last, deceased was brought into the Kowloon Hospital. She was already dead, he added.

Hearing is continuing.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.03, Children's Hour presented by Sam Ann (Studio); Winnie-the-Pooh, by A.A. Milne; 6.15, Kangaroo and the Kangaroos, by A.A. Milne; 6.30, Cantonese by Radio, Lesson 1 presented by S.K. Lee assisted by Philip Lee; 6.45, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 7.00, News Talk (London Relay) of Special Announcements; 7.15, Composer Cavalcade - Nicholas Brodsky; 7.30, Viewpoint - A Weekly programme devoted to literature, drama and the cinema. Edited and introduced by Donald Brooke; 7.45, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 8.00, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 8.15, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 8.30, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 8.45, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 9.00, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 9.15, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 9.30, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 9.45, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 10.00, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 10.15, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 10.30, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 10.45, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 11.00, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 11.15, The Story of the Old Man and the Sea, by Ernest Hemingway; 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